

25,000 More Tons Of Coal Reach N.Y.; Crisis Seems Over

Fuel at City's Gates Being
Rushed to the Public by
Railroads

Unloading in Shifts

Main Trouble Now Is Caused
by Coal Freezing in
the Cars

New York City's fuel supply was further replenished yesterday by the receipt of 25,000 more tons of coal, most of which was distributed promptly among persons who needed it most. The stream of supply to the tidalwater terminals of New Jersey was kept up by the railroad companies that for the last four days have devoted all their freight equipment to hauling of anthracite to this and other coal furnished cities in the East.

George Schley, County Fuel Administrator, said that the main trouble at present was that the coal was frozen, causing great delay in unloading the cars. The coal is being steamed out in the yards of New Jersey, and the railroad yards of New Jersey are working night and day unloading the cars into barges for New York City piers.

The mild weather is proving the best and most efficient aid to the fuel administration. There is no nearly so much coal used as ordinarily in this time of year, while there has been no interference by the elements with railroad traffic during the last few days. The demand throughout the city was as great as ever yesterday, but everybody was inclined to think the crisis was over.

Mr. Schley said his office was working on data for retail prices, and that prices would probably be fixed by the fuel administration in the near future. This would mean the fixing of the margin of profit for the retailers and wholesalers. Coal sold yesterday at its usual prices from \$8.25 to \$9.10 a ton.

S. R. Flynn, Deputy State Fuel Administrator, said the coal situation throughout the state was similar to that in the city. He said there were not many counties much below normal in their supply, but that Queens was one of the exceptions.

Very few industries, Mr. Flynn said, had been forced to shut down. The fuel administration considered the importance of the manufactured product and gave preference to manufacturers who make articles that the public vitally needs, he asserted.

Deaths from pneumonia increased yesterday, forty-nine being reported in greater New York, the second highest twenty-four-hour record in the last twenty-five years. The highest was reached on Thursday, when fifty-four deaths occurred.

Women's Club to Hold Childs Strike Inquiry

Miss Malinda Scott, president of the Women's Trade Union League, at a meeting of the Childs' restaurant strikers in Webster Hall last night, announced that the Women's City Club will to-day begin an investigation of the conditions under which the strikers have been working.

Miss Mary E. Dreier, chairman of the Industrial committee of the Women's City Club, will conduct the investigation, Miss Scott said, and her associates will be women prominent in civic and social affairs. On her suggestion, a committee of strikers was appointed to confer with Miss Dreier's committee. Announcement that Childs' had obtained a Supreme Court injunction against the strikers was followed by a warning to the 850 men and women present to stay within the law. Miss Scott said that for several days women who had picketed the White House have been successfully picketing the Childs' restaurants throughout the city.

Mrs. Harriman Has Proof of Forgery

Mrs. Oliver Harriman, head of the Junior Patriots of America, turned over evidence yesterday to Assistant District Attorney Kilroe which, he says, will result in indictments for grand larceny and forgery against the person who forged Mrs. Harriman's name to a check and obtained money that was to go to the organization.

Mrs. Gertrude Atherton, honorary president of Le Bien etre du Blesse, told Mr. Kilroe she had never sanctioned the 10 per cent commissions collected by C. Wesley Shedd and Garrett Z. Demarest on contributions to the society coming through the American Ambulance in Russia committee for which Shedd and Demarest were collectors. She said she upbraided Miss Elsie Maxwell, of the Russian Ambulance, for permitting these men to get the commissions. She also said John Moffat, of the Hero Land Bazaar, also called up Miss Maxwell to protest against it.

Maurice Delches, of the law committee for the Elks Club, was present yesterday when Mr. Kilroe examined William Stoermer, managing director of the field service of the Russian Ambulance, about Stoermer collecting a 20 per cent commission on a \$684 contribution given by the Elks lodge to the ambulance.

Mr. Kilroe was informed yesterday that Mrs. Lee J. Boardman, head of the National Women's Army, had sold \$75 worth of tickets for a benefit to be held to-night in the Park Avenue Hotel for the organization, which has offices in 547 Fifth Avenue. Information from the Department of Justice caused Mr. Kilroe to summon Mrs. Boardman, and after he questioned her she promised to refund the money for the tickets.

Joseph Johnson, former Fire Commissioner, representing the Atlantic Division of the Red Cross, called on Mr. Kilroe and turned over the names of several persons who may be able to tell something about the identity of ticket speculators who got hold of complimentary admission tickets for the free entertainment given last Sunday night in the Hippodrome and sold them for \$1. Mr. Johnson asked that a grand jury investigation be ordered.

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Senate Suspends Humbert's Immunity

PARIS, Dec. 18.—The Senate to-day, without discussion, voted to suspend the immunity of Senator Charles Humbert, former proprietor of the "Journal," in accordance with the demand of the public prosecutor.

In the Chamber of Deputies M. Paisant read a report that he had drawn up for the Chamber's Committee of Eleven on the question of the suspension of the immunity of Senator Cailhau, former Premier, and Senator Loustalot.

The report was adopted, seven members of the committee voting in favor of it and four abstaining from voting. The report requests the Chamber to discuss the report next Saturday.

Policewomen May Watch Over Girls Near Camps

The appointment of ten policewomen for protective work in New York City among girls and soldiers was recommended yesterday by the Girls' Protective League in a meeting at the Cosmopolitan Club, 133 East Fortieth Street. This action opened a drive for an appropriation by the city for their work. Provision was originally made for these women officers in Police Commissioner Woods's budget, but the appropriation was later blue-pencilled, and the league, in cooperation with the Mayor's Committee of Women, pledged itself yesterday to take up the question again and urge it before the Board of Estimate.

The league will have a hearing at City Hall on December 27.

Daniels Praises Hero Of Transport Antilles

WASHINGTON, Dec. 18.—Secretary Daniels has written to Robert A. Ausburne, radio electrician on the army transport Antilles, who went down with his ship, torpedoed October 17. Ausburne, instead of trying to save his life, stuck to his station to give warning signals, shouting "Good bye" to his mates.

The officer in charge of the armed guard has commended the conduct of the navy personnel. The two forward gun crews, in charge of Lieutenant R. D. Tisdale, remained calmly at their stations while the ship was sinking and made no move to leave their posts until ordered to save themselves.

In connection with the rescue of survivors an instance of remarkable coolness was cited in the case of a man of the gun crew rescued from the top of a floating ammunition box. When he saw a steamer coming to pick him up he signalled the ship by semaphore not to come too close as the box he was sitting on contained ammunition.

Dr. Flint Left \$144,518

Dr. Austin Flint, famous alienist, who died September 21, 1915, left a gross estate of \$144,518. He drew up his own will, and because of certain indefinite provisions an action was brought to construe the instrument. The court declared it invalid.

It contained no provision for Mrs. Elizabeth McMaster Flint, who did not live with him. Under an agreement Mrs. Flint received \$2,500 a year for life. The breaking of the will gave her an interest in the estate which amounted to her dower in the property at 418 Fifth Avenue, in which Dr. Flint's equity amounted to \$135,000. Three sons received the bulk of the estate.

Dr. Flint at the time of his death still had a claim against the city for \$2,204 fees as an expert witness in the trial of Harry K. Thaw.

Captain Haupt Deposed

Captain L. M. Haupt was deposed yesterday as commander of the Second Branch Detective Bureau and sent back to uniform duty in charge of the West 125th Street station. Lieutenant Thomas Walsh, an old school policeman with but little detective experience, was appointed to succeed Captain Haupt, with the designation of acting captain. Captain Haupt's experience as a detective chief was short. He was taken from the uniformed force five months ago and sent to the Second Branch to succeed Lieutenant Joe Quinn. His removal was from the same cause as that which resulted in Lieutenant Quinn's fall—failure to check the epidemic of robberies in the wholesale and Fifth Avenue districts. He failed to get any clue to the men who last Thursday morning cut the show window of Black, Starr & Frost and stole several thousand dollars in jewelry.

Sends Funds to Jerusalem

WASHINGTON, Dec. 18.—The State Department to-day telegraphed to American Consul General Garrett at Alexandria, Egypt, \$18,000 for relief of the 100,000 sufferers at Jerusalem in want of food and other supplies. Consul General Garrett was directed to proceed immediately to Jerusalem to take charge of the distribution of this fund and the supplies. The money was collected by a Jewish organization, but the supplies are to be distributed among the sufferers without regard to race.

City College Drops Three Men as Drill Slackers

Three more men were dropped from the rolls of the College of the City of New York yesterday for their non-attendance at military drills, as provided for under the Slater law. This makes a total of five men dropped from the college for the same offence. Fourteen others have been suspended until January 7.

Majority of 50 Polled by Borden

Soldier Vote May Increase

Total for Canadian
Unionists

OTTAWA, Dec. 18.—The majority attained by the government in yesterday's election will reach at least fifty votes, and may be increased to sixty by the soldiers' vote, Premier Sir Robert Borden estimated in a cablegram to Premier Hughes of Australia to-night.

Results received to-day indicated a clear majority for the government of forty-eight seats, with three in doubt, two of which had been previously credited to the government, and one to the opposition, and four seats in which the election is deferred, including those representing Halifax.

The Premier's message to the head of the Australian government was as follows: "In yesterday's election the enforcement of compulsory military service to sustain Canada's effort in the war and to provide adequate reinforcements for the Canadian Army Corps was directly in issue. The government has been sustained by a majority of at least 50, which will probably be increased to 60 by the soldiers' vote."

"The democracy of Canada has magnificently sustained the highest test of its courage, vision and endurance. Canada has watched Australia's magnificent effort with the deepest admiration, and we send warmest wishes for every success in the splendid campaign now being carried on in your country to provide reinforcements for the heroic Australian forces, whose wonderful achievements in the cause of liberty and civilization have brought world-wide honor and distinction to your great Commonwealth."

How unanimously the French-speaking Canadians voted against conscription is shown by the returns from the

province of Quebec, which elects 65 members. Of those 62 yesterday returned Liberal members, with majorities in each case running into the thousands. Only in three English-speaking ridings of Montreal were Unionist candidates returned for the whole of the province of Quebec.

The four provinces of Manitoba, Saskatchewan, Alberta and British Columbia jointly return fifty-six members, and the indications are that not more than two of them will elect supporters of Sir Wilfrid Laurier.

All the Cabinet ministers are elected, with the exception of two French ministers from Quebec. These are Albert Seguin, who was a candidate and

was beaten in two ridings, and P. E. Blondin, who also was beaten in the two ridings where his name appeared on the ballots.

America Legionary Wounded

PARIS, Dec. 17.—Corporal Oscar Mouvet, one of the few Americans still

remaining in the Foreign Legion, has been severely wounded, according to a report in a newspaper here. He recently won his stripes for bravery.

Soldier Vote Elects Mayor

ALBANY, N. Y., Dec. 18.—To-day's

canvass of the soldier vote resulted in the election of Michael J. Foley, Democrat, as Mayor of Cohoes, by a majority of twenty-nine. Before the soldier ballots had been counted James S. Calkins, Republican, the present incumbent, had led by a majority of twenty-seven.

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